

Introduction

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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July 2, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

All are welcome here
All people of faith, All people of doubt
All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression
All people who seek a compassionate community

All are welcome here
Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray
Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks
Welcome to serve God and neighbors

All are welcome here
All are redeemed by a gracious God



The Gathering

Prelude Music

Come, Now is the Time to Worship (Setting by Brian Doeerksen) (Sandra Vana, Clavinova; Sara Behnke, Flute; Scott Vana, Cantor)

Here I Am to Worship (Setting by Tim Hughes) (Sandra Vana, Clavinova; Sara Behnke, Flute; Scott Vana, Cantor))

Stand

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 89)

PR Happy are we who hear the joyful call to worship,
C **for we walk in the light of God's presence!**

PR Let's worship God together—
C **celebrating who God is and all that God has done!**

PR For God is our strength and our protection,
C **the One in whom we trust.**

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

PR Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

C **Amen.**

PR Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,
C **we confess that we have sinned.**
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

PR Righteous God,
 C we confess that we have sinned.
 We have failed to be honest.
 We have lacked the courage to speak.
 We have spoken falsely.
 In the name of Jesus,
 forgive us and grant us your mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

PR God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
 God offers boundless grace when we fail.
 Claim the gift of God's mercy:
 you are freed and forgiven
 in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 522: As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Greeting

PR The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

PR Holy God,
Your faithful love toward us never ends! It is as sure and dependable as the sky over our heads. We praise You! We've gathered together in this place to offer you our worship and our thanksgiving; to declare to any who will listen that You are our God, and we are Your people. May Your Spirit be at work among us as we worship, opening our eyes to the light of Your presence in this place.
To You alone, Faithful Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

- ...¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
⁴**‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**
¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

L A reading from the book of Romans.

Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin’s final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin’s slavery to live obediently under God’s grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

- ¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.
¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.
²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a ¹holy nation,* in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his ¹marvelous light.

PR The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Stand

Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), Hymn 676: *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

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PK Apostles' Creed

- C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

- A** Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need. (*A brief silence.*) We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for creation. For the Wabash River and the Wildcat and Wea creeks, all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For fire fighters and all in the paths of brush fires in California. For all experiencing the effects of smoke, air pollution, and poor air quality. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. For cleanup and recovery following tornadoes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Indiana Arizona. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for this nation and all nations. For peace in the world, especially in Ukraine, Palestine, and Syria. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For all victims and wounded in shooting events, especially in Kansas City, MO; Willowbrook, IL; and Saginaw, MI. For those who are ill (*especially*): Janet, Jason, Fil, Shirley, Linda, Adele, Jeff, Denise, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Suzanne, Shelby, Kevin, Nancy, Ann, Mary, Sean, Mayor Dennis, Jane, Robert M, Tom, Peter H, Ruth, Megan and Crystal. For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. On this coming Independence Day, make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

PK Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Peace

PK The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Meal

As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, please read the following:

For today's distribution of Holy Communion, after the Invitation to the Table, the presiding pastor will invite the worship assistants (lector, assisting minister, usher) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshiping online and those in the sanctuary who wish to commune in their pews. Then the presiding pastor will commune those who wish to come up to the altar while the Lamb of God is played. Thank you for your patience as we acknowledge the awkwardness of experiencing something different in worship. God is with us in this meal. God is also with us as we experiment with new worship practices.

Offering

Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (Ted Heise is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option. His email address is these@panix.com)

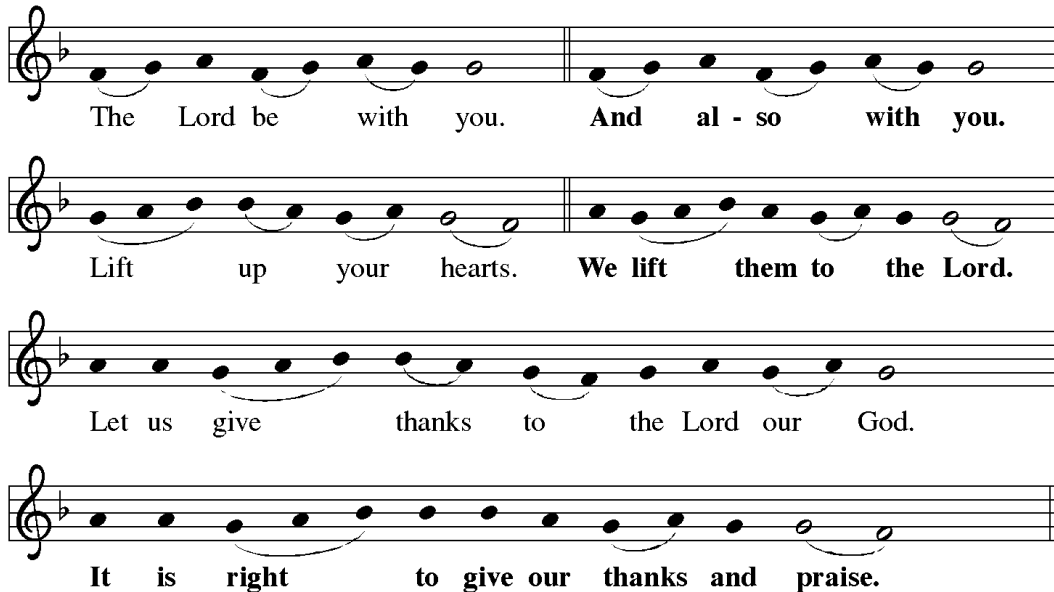


Stand

Offering Prayer

- A God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- PK It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PK Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

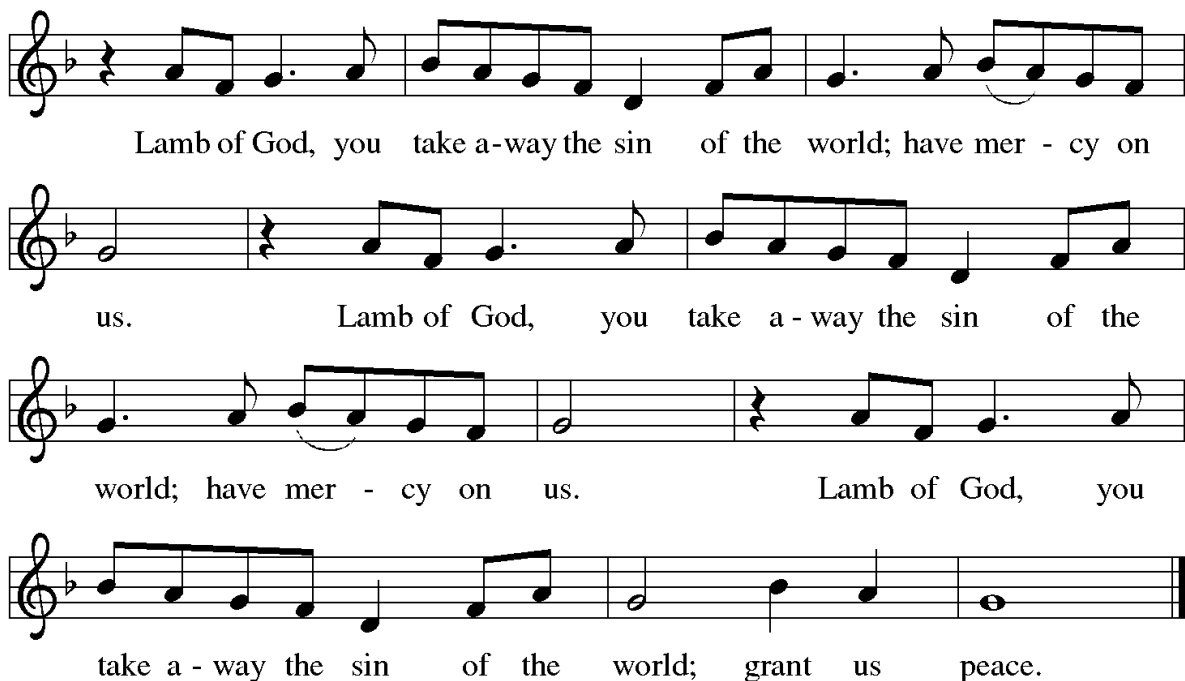
Invitation to Communion

PK So come to this table, which now extends into our homes, you who have faith and you who would like to have faith; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Distribution

There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: ACS 1043: *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Refrain



Refrain



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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Stand

PK The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

- A We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

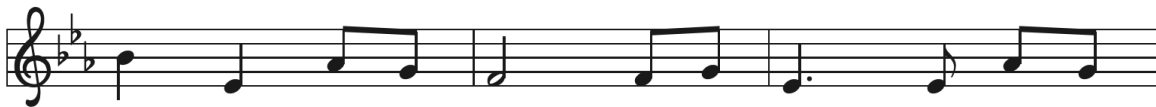
The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ACS 966: *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



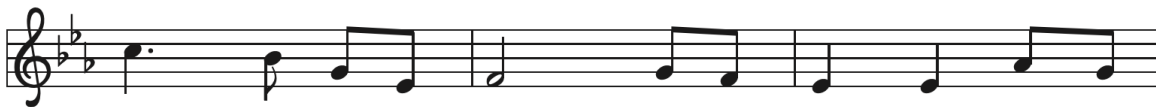
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Blessing

PK The God who calls across the cosmos
and speaks in the smallest seed
+ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter. The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

Our sanctuary is served by a hearing loop. Wearers of hearing aids should turn their aids to the setting marked T, or T-coil, or Telephone.

Kid's Worship Bags and Family Room: The kids' worship bags have been updated with new items that help children follow along with the worship service, storybook Bibles and fun activities to do. For little ones there are quiet toys, books, and activities in the family in the back of the church for the children to play with during the service. Please feel free to let your children explore.

Centering Prayer Group

Join us for Centering Prayer this summer at OSLC in the fellowship hall and online via zoom from **9:00 – 9:30 am**. Once fall begins we will meet the first and third Mondays of the month. Because of vacation schedules during the summer the Mondays will vary. Here is our summer schedule:

July 10th and 24th 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

August 7th and August 21st 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

The zoom link will be sent out the Friday before. If you have any questions, please contact Missy at missy@osluth.org or at 260-402-4477.

Aviators Baseball Game

July 16th at 3:00 pm we are planning an OSLC outing at the Aviators game at Lobe Stadium. This game is one of their Sunday Family Days. If you wish you can buy four tickets and get four hot dogs and four drinks for \$44. Click on this link [Sunday Family Plan](#) to purchase this deal. If you don't want to buy four tickets and get the family deal, the Aviators have given us a special code that will give us \$3 off per ticket. When purchasing the ticket put OSLC2023 in the promo code space at check out. Click this link here to purchase individual tickets [July 16th individual tickets](#). **It would be great if we could all sit in the same section. When purchasing tickets, if possible, please choose section 106.** If you have any questions or need help purchasing tickets, please let Missy know. You can email Missy at missy@osluth.org or call at 260-402-4477.

Prophet's Town State Park Outing

August 13th you are invited to join us for a fun afternoon at Prophet's Town State Park. We will caravan from church after service at approximately 10:30. We will begin at the farmhouse and barns for a tour, then find a place to have a picnic lunch and end our time at the aquatic center. The cost to get into the park is \$8 a vehicle. Please pack picnic lunches for your group. OSLC will cover the cost for our group to get into the aquatic center. If you have any questions please let Missy know at missy@osluth.org or at 260-402-4477.

Fundraiser for Family Promise

Wings Etc., located in both Lafayette and West Lafayette, will be partnering with Family Promise by hosting DINE to DONATE all day on the 3rd Wednesday of each month through the end of 2023. Wings Etc. is donating 15% of pre-tax food and soft drink sales to Family Promise. Bring the DINE to DONATE flyer and show it to the server to support the cause.

<http://www.fpglinc.org/>

On Facebook - Family Promise of Greater Lafayette

OSLC Constitution and Bylaws

The Constitution and Bylaws for OSLC are finally finished and now available for you to review as needed. A copy of it is in the office for you view or if want a copy please let Erin Thompson (erin@osluth.org) know and she will send a copy to you. Thank you to Bob Nielsen for all you have done to make this happen!